

Common Questions and Answers for parents and caregivers
Dr. Earl Bradley Investigation

Question #1: My child was a patient of Dr. Bradley. I'm concerned he or she may be a victim. What can I do?

Answer: If you believe your child is a victim, or if you have information that may contribute to this investigation, please contact Delaware State Police at 302-856-5850, extension 216.

Question #2: My child is a patient of Doctor Bradley's but he or she is very young. Is it possible that he or she was a victim?

Answer: From a law enforcement perspective, any patient of Doctor Bradley, past or present, is a potential victim in this investigation.

Question #3: My child was a patient of Dr. Bradley. Is it likely he or she was victimized by the Doctor?

Answer: We have not identified all of the victims in this case and the investigation is ongoing. If you have information to provide to investigators or have specific concerns regarding a potential victimization, please contact Delaware State Police at 302-856-5850, extension 216. It is critically important to allow only specially-trained law enforcement professionals to handle all the questioning of your child concerning this investigation.

Question #4: How long will the investigation take?

Answer: A methodical and deliberate investigation is taking place. We are totally committed to proceeding with all diligent speed, but also with necessary care that we do not compromise the integrity of the case.

Question #5: What if my child is identified as a victim through the investigation – what will happen next?

Answer: You will be contacted by law enforcement. Delaware State Police investigators and victim services professionals will work closely with you, your child, and your family to ensure that all of your needs are met.

Question #6: I believe my child may need counseling as a result of victimization. Who can I contact for help?

Answer: All concerned parents or caregivers are urged to contact the Delaware State Police 24-hour Victim Services Hotline at 1-800-VICTIM-1 (1-800-842-8461) or send an e-mail to victim1@state.de.us. Callers will speak with a live individual who can provide important information and make counseling referrals. Callers may also be directed to financial assistance provided for counseling and other services through state programs, including the Delaware Victims' Compensation Assistance Program.

Question #7: I'm a parent and believe I would benefit from counseling or speaking with a professional to deal with my feelings and reaction to this investigation. Where can I turn?

Answer: We urge you to call the Delaware State Police Victim Services Hotline at 1-800-VICTIM-1 or send an e-mail to victim1@state.de.us. Hotline staff are prepared to assist parents and caretakers affected by this case as well.

Question #8: My child was a patient of Dr. Bradley. I need a copy of his or her medical records. Where can I turn?

Answer: Parents should call Beebe Hospital records department at 302-645-3281 to request a copy of their child's pediatric file. Copies should be ready for pick-up within 48 hours of the request.